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UCFV TO OFFER NEW DEGREE PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

VICTORIA – The University College of the Fraser Valley is adding to its bachelor of science offerings with a new major and minor in physical geography, creating increased opportunities for students to study environmental issues, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell announced today.

"With enhanced degree-granting opportunities, B.C. students will have a wider variety of choice and flexibility in their pursuit of post-secondary education, and will be well positioned to meet the requirements of a global, knowledge-based economy," said Coell. "Students graduating with degrees in physical geography will be in very high demand."

UCFV will begin offering the new program by September 2008 and plans to admit as many students as there is demand. Physical geography is a major subfield of geography, where students study processes and patterns in the natural environment, including climatology, geology, geographic information systems and human interaction with the environment.

"Global warming is one of our most challenging environmental problems, which is why this new program will have an intense focus on studying climate change," said UCFV president Skip Bassford. "We are proud to increase opportunities for our students to study subjects that are of vital importance to our world today."

Since 2003, approximately 150 undergraduate and graduate degrees have been approved that complement government's Pacific Leadership Agenda, helping B.C. improve its competitiveness and productivity through education and skills training.

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